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**Applicant** : **Jithamithra Sarathy, et al.**

**Title of Invention** : **METHOD FOR BIT-RATE AND  
FORMAT INSENSITIVE  
PERFORMANCE MONITORING OF  
LIGHTWAVE SIGNALS**

**Serial No.** : **09/852,582**

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**Box Amendment**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
**Washington, DC 20231**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced application by adding the following text under the title:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:**

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This application claims priority of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/238,295, filed on October 6, 2000.

**REMARKS**

This preliminary amendment is made to claim the benefit of an earlier filed provisional application regarding the subject matter of this application.


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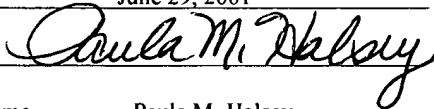
  
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